

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/757,725

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Amendment filed 13 April 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

Response to Amendment

This is in response to the Amendment filed 13 April 2007.

(Previous) DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The objection to the disclosure because of minor informalities has been **withdrawn** in view of Applicants Amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The rejection of claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention has been **withdrawn** in view of Applicants Amendment.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments, see Remarks, page 19, filed 13 April 2007, with respect to claims 1-7 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejections of claims 1-7 **have been withdrawn**. In particular,

The rejections of claims 1-2 and 5-6 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Iwasaki et al. (7,091,149) have been **withdrawn**; and,

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The Rejections of claims 3, 4 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Iwasaki et al. (7,091,149) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Sompalli et al. (6,524,736) have been withdrawn.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

4. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney James Ledbetter on 7 May 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 5, line 2, "type" has been deleted.

Withdrawn claims 8-52 have been canceled, and may be refiled in a divisional application.

Reasons for Allowance

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The rejections of claims 1-7 relied upon U.S. Patent No. 7,091,149 which has an effective date under 35 USC 102(e) of July 1, 2002. The present Japanese priority application (JP 2002-070350) was filed on March 14, 2002 and thus antedates U.S. Patent No. 7,091,149. All prior art

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rejections are deemed to be overcome via a filing of a verified English language translation of Japanese priority application JP 2002-070350, in order to perfect the applicants' claim for priority.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Examiner Correspondence

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas H. Parsons whose telephone number is (571) 272-1290. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:00-4:30) First Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Pat Ryan can be reached on (571) 272-1292. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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